

PROBLEMS TO EXAMINE BOSS BARNES BOOK

MILLERAND ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY

TAX ON GROSS SALES URGED FOR BUSINESS

Present Federal System Declared Cause of Intolerable Situation

SURTAXES PENALIZE INDUSTRY IS CLAIM

Employers Privilege Tax Explained at Cotton Manufacturers' Convention

MAPLEWOOD, N. H., Sept. 22.—The present system of federal taxation was declared to have created "an intolerable situation" and to be responsible for the continued high prices of many articles, by speakers at the opening session of the semi-annual meeting of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers. Suggested substitutes included an employers' privilege tax outlined by Theodore H. Price, editor of Commerce and Finance of New York, and a gross sale tax explained by William E. Cornwell, of New York.

"The people of the country, Mr. Cornwell said, are being educated to the fact that the whole system of taxation in the United States is wrong, adding that the system was founded on class and sectional bias."

"A tax on gross sales is an ideal development," he continued. "It is passed along in very small fractions and added to various processes from the producer of raw material to stage after stage during manufacture, the tax almost collecting itself, accumulating automatically as it proceeds and is finally paid by the consumer practically without his knowledge, and the additions are so trifling as not materially to affect prices."

Mr. Price in his address declared the present surtaxes penalize and discourage an enterprising man to pay the government an immoderate share of his gains in a profitable year, leaving him to bear the losses of an unprofitable year alone.

Explaining the employers' privilege tax which he proposed as a substitute for the present system, Mr. Price said in part:

"A manufacturer or merchant who monthly disbursements for wages, salaries or piece work totalled \$100,000 would at the end of the month send a statement to Washington with a check for the amount of his tax. If the tax were five per cent his check would be \$5,000 which he would include in his monthly charges and add to the selling price of his product."

"The price paid by the manufacturer of an entirely finished or marketable product for the raw or partially finished material that he used would have been correspondingly increased by the employers' privilege tax levied upon the wages paid to those employed in its production, and thus the price at which the article was sold for consumption would include all the tax and the employer's privilege tax that it had to bear in its progress from the first producer to the ultimate buyer."

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—The sale of cars, especially left ears, at the prevailing price of 1,000 threatens to become a "regular" business. Two offers to sell "left ears" have been made within the past two days.

The buyer, Frank S. Quessana, son of a wealthy Cuban planter, would, of course, have to pass upon all applicants who have a spare "listener" in order to get the correct size, color and shape necessary for his own use.

The first offer to sell his left ear came from Shepard E. Baker. Now comes John L. Erdman, an elevator operator. John spent two years in the Hawaiian Islands and has a swarthy complexion.

CENTRAL AMERICAN LABOR UNITES IN FEDERATION

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, Sept. 22.—Formation of a Central American Labor federation has been planned by delegates of the labor federations of Guatemala and Salvador, and labor bodies of other Central American states will be invited to become members.

PASSENGERS CAPTURE TRAIN BANDIT

NOTED FIGURE OBTAINS HIGH POST IN FRANCE

Alexandre Millerand New President Has Interesting Career

FORMERLY MEMBER OF RADICAL SOCIALISTS

Services to Country During and After War Bring Praise

VERSAILLES, Sept. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Alexandre Millerand was today elected president of France by the national assembly in session here. He succeeds Paul Deschanel, who resigned because of ill health.

M. Millerand received 635 votes out of a total of 822. The complete vote was: Alexandre Millerand 635, Gustave Beldjery (Socialist deputy from Lille, department du Nord), 69, Scattering 20, Blank 108.

At 4:47 o'clock M. Millerand was proclaimed by Leon Bourgeois, president of the assembly, as the eleventh president of France.

Alexandre Millerand has long been one of the foremost figures in the political life of France, his entry into public life dating back to 1885, and his cabinet experience to 1895 when he became a member of the Waldeck-Rousseau cabinet. His early affiliations were with the radical Socialists, but he has since been keenly interested in labor questions and has fostered numerous measures for the betterment of the working world, notably the old age pension act, which became law in 1905.

It was M. Millerand's services to his country during the great war, however, as minister of war in the Viviani cabinet and his notable conduct of France's foreign policy as successor of Clemenceau in the premiership after the "tiger's" retirement last January that raised him into prominence for the presidency, which he was appointed to in 1920.

M. Millerand was born in Paris February 10, 1859, and was educated for the bar. His first ministerial post was as minister of commerce, which he held in several cabinet positions, notably as minister of public works in the Briand ministry of 1909, minister of war in the Poincare cabinet of 1912, and as minister of war in the Viviani ministry, to which post he was appointed in August, 1914, shortly after the outbreak of the world war. He held the war ministry until the Viviani cabinet resigned October 23, 1917.

BECOMES PREMIER

While the peace with Germany was being paid President Poincare in March, 1919, appointed M. Millerand governor of Alsace-Lorraine, which he retained until the end of the war. He then returned to the premiership at the request of M. Poincare in January, last, he accepted the task of forming a new cabinet in which he took the premiership and ministry of foreign affairs, succeeding Clemenceau.

When President Deschanel assumed office in the following month, Premier Millerand, as is customary on the accession of a new chief executive, offered the resignation of his ministry. This the president refused to accept and asked M. Millerand to remain as office. The prime minister consented and has since held the premiership.

SAYS JAPAN IS READY TO LISTEN TO PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Japan is ready to listen to facts concerning prohibition, Mutsuke Yamaguchi, Tokyo, declared today to the International Congress Against Alcoholism. He said, however, that he had not yet declared that adoption of prohibition in the United States had overturned sentiment in his native country and that hundreds of scientists and scholars were active prohibition workers.

HOMELESS MOB TRIES TO INVADE CHURCHES AND PALACE OF POPES

ROME, Sept. 21.—The Osservatore, the vatican organ, says that last night Socialists attempted to invade a church in a popular quarter, but did not succeed in breaking through the door. They postponed the undertaking to a later date, when, the paper asserts, they will attempt to occupy the Lateran palace, which was once the residence of the popes.

The newspaper also asserts that Socialists are threatening to invade the Catholic club and two nunneries.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The attempted invasion of religious edifices in Rome is in part a movement among persons unable to obtain dwellings owing to the shortage of housing accommodations to seize unoccupied homes and other buildings and install themselves, according to a dispatch to the London Times from Rome.

GROUP NAMED TO INVESTIGATE IRISH CHARGES

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Oswald Garrison Villard announced today that the selection of the membership of the committee of one hundred on Ireland, formed on invitation of the nation for the purpose of investigating and reporting publicly upon conditions in Ireland with special reference to atrocities, has been completed.

Public hearings are to be held in Washington by a commission of five members of the committee. The personnel of this commission has not been announced. Five United States senators, Johnson and Phelan, of California; Spencer, of Missouri; Ashurst, of Arizona; and Walsh, of Massachusetts, as well as four governors, Edwards, of New Jersey; Carey, of Wyoming; Frazier, of North Dakota; and Campbell, of Arizona have accepted places on the committee which is made up of others who are prominent in public discussions.

It is announced Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, and Gordon de Lessa, an representative of England and Ireland, respectively, have been invited to provide the committee with information and to submit lists of persons who should be called as witnesses.

JAPAN PLANS ACTION ON CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

TOKYO, Sept. 23.—(By The Associated Press)—The Washington government will be asked to appoint a commission to effect a solution of the Japanese-American problem in the event of the passage of the California anti-Japanese legislation. The Japanese government will arrange for a law suit against the California legislature on the ground that the bill is unconstitutional and a violation of the treaty rights of the Japanese, according to the leading newspapers today.

The newspapers say the above program was defined at meetings of the cabinet and the diplomatic advisory council.

CORN BORER CAUSES ALARM TO FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Discovery of the European corn borer, in the vicinity of St. Thomas, Canada, has caused the department of agriculture to send a staff of entomologists to Michigan to confer with local agricultural authorities to forestall possible infestation of the corn crop in that state.

The corn borer in Canada is farther west than heretofore reported on this continent, the department's announcement said, and the corn affected is of the flint variety.

PRINCE OF WALES IS POPULAR IN ISLAND

PORT OF SPAIN, Sept. 22.—The Prince of Wales, who has been visiting Georgetown, British Guiana, is expected to return here tomorrow morning and will spend the day and evening ashore. He will leave on Friday morning for St. George, the seat of the government of the windward islands colony, and the principal city of the island of Grenada.

His Democratic attitude has been very pleasing to the people, with whom he has conversed on many occasions.

VICTIMS GET BACK MOST OF ROBBER LOOT

Action of Colorado Conductor Leads to Arrest of Lone Bandit

DROPS MESSAGE TO OPERATOR FROM TRAIN

Leads Passengers in Rush on Thief As Train Nears Station

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 23.—Passengers on Santa Fe train No. 5 were robbed early this morning by a single masked bandit in a rush upon the train, collecting the passengers' valuables. C. A. O'Brien, the conductor, dropped a message to a window at some little station describing the robber.

The telegraph operator saw it and sent a warning to La Junta. As the train neared that place the conductor led the passengers in a rush upon the bandit as he entered a vestibule. He was overpowered and held until the train reached the La Junta station, where local officers took him in charge.

The man is said to have obtained about \$400, of which all except \$70 was recovered. He told the women passengers that they need not be alarmed.

He gave the name of John Morgan.

SAY GRAY HAIRE WOMAN HIRED HIM TO KILL MATE

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 23.—Gray haired and wrinkled of face, Mrs. Lena Steiger, 63 years of age, when on the witness stand in the circuit court here yesterday in her own defense against the charge of complicity in an assault with intent to kill her husband, Thed W. Steiger, committed by Jesse Mullinix last March, Mullinix, who is serving a sentence of eight years in the state prison here for the crime, to which he confessed implicated Mrs. Steiger.

Allegations made by Mullinix in his confession, to the effect that he had been hired by Mrs. Steiger to kill her husband, were denied by Mrs. Steiger. She, however, admitted meeting Mullinix in local rooming houses on more than twenty occasions and declared she is heartily ashamed of her relations with him.

HUNGARIAN PLOT AGAINST AUSTRIA IS REVEALED

VIENNA, Sept. 22.—A sensational secret report vouched for as authentic is published by the Arbeiter Zeitung, showing that the Hungarian delegation to the parliament recorded today for the downfall of the Socialist government, with the object of the fusion of Austria and Hungary. An official is quoted as asserting that the Hungarian government fears that Hungary is seeking a pretext for military occupation in order to obtain needed arms.

MACSWINEY ON 42D DAY SUFFERS SEVERE PAIN

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Lord Mayor MacSwiney of Cork had a few hours of restful sleep last night, but has suffered severe pains in his head and was very weak this morning, according to a bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination League at Brixton prison.

Reports to the home office of the prison physician stated there was no apparent change in the condition of MacSwiney.

This is the 42nd day of the lord mayor's hunger strike.

SECRET PARLIAMENT MEETS

DUBLIN, Sept. 22.—"Young Ireland" today reports the passage of the industries bill at a secret session of the Irish parliament. The newspaper adds that the parliament recorded its appreciation of the loyalty and devotion of Lord Mayor MacSwiney, of Cork, and ordered a copy of the resolutions sent to him in Brixton jail.

MARSHALL ASKS MASONS TO 'KEEP AMERICA SAFE'

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—An appeal to the Masonic fraternity to "keep America safe" was made by Vice President Marshall in an address tonight before the supreme council of the thirty-third degree Scottish Rite Masons for the northern Masonic jurisdiction of America.

"To call the vice president an official is an outrage," Mr. Marshall said. "Bring your son up to become a president of the United States, but don't train him for the vice presidency. Give the lad a fair chance."

FOURTEEN years ago Olga Petrova arrived in London from Russia with \$25. Now with \$250,000 salted away in United States banks she says she will quit the movies because the studio lights are bad for the eyes.



OLGA PETROVA

OFFERED BRIDE TO 'FIX' GAME, PITCHER SAYS

Rube Benton, New York Pitcher, in Chicago to Testify Before Jury

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Jacob "Rube" Benton, New York National league club pitcher, who arrived here today to testify before the grand jury investigating reports of "fixed" baseball games, asserts in a signed statement by the Journal, that Charles "Buck" Herzog and Hal Chase proposed to him that he lose the last game the Giants played in Chicago last year.

No mention was made of the amount he was to receive if he "strewed the game," the Journal quotes Benton as saying, but after the Giants won 6 to 3, Heinie Zimmerman, who had been suspended the night before, is said to have stopped Benton in a hotel lobby and said:

"You poor fish, don't you know there was \$300 waiting for you to lose that game today?"

Benton will appear before the grand jury this afternoon.

Herzog in a statement this morning, said he had been accused of offering Mr. Zappone \$200 to lose the game, but denied he had ever been involved in any crooked work, and declared President Hepler, of the National league had investigated the reports and then issued a letter exonerating Herzog.

ALLEGED DRAFT DODGER FIRED ON TECHNICALITY

POSTON, Sept. 23.—Phillip I. Rome of Worcester, found guilty of desertion from the army by a court-martial which sentenced him to a year in a military prison, was released by Judge today on the ground that he had never legally been indicted into the service.

Rome had been assigned a number in the first stages of the draft in 1917, but left for South America on business before he was called. Subsequent orders from his draft board to report for examination went unanswered and when Rome was arrested on his return to his home several months ago, he said he had not received any notice.

CONGRESS OF NEW THOUGHT IN SESSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Perry, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary L. Butterworth, Philadelphia, the Rev. Thomas Parker Boyd, San Francisco, and the Rev. Henry V. Morgan, Tacoma, Wash., were among the principal speakers on today's program of the seventh annual International New Thought Alliance congress in session here.

SURGEONS DECIDE TO OPERATE ON HUERTA

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 23.—Physicians attending provisional President de la Huerta announced last evening they had decided an operation for appendicitis was necessary to restore him to health and it is probable it will be performed today.

MUCH TALKED OF VOLUME TO GET ATTENTION

Barnes Directed to Produce Subscription Books for Committee

EDGE HOLDS WORK IS G. O. P. PROPAGANDA

Head of Scripps Papers Quizzed on Support Given to Cox

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Complete investigation of the "Republican Edge" book, "Republicanism in 1920," published by the Albany (N. Y.) Journal, was ordered today by the senate committee investigating committee. William Barnes Jr., head of the company, was formally directed to produce subscription lists of the book, although he contended that the venture was a purely private commercial transaction and not proper matter for investigation by the committee.

Mr. Barnes agreed to telegraph his office for the data required and said he hoped it could be furnished to the committee by Saturday. The agreement to investigate subscription lists for the book was reached by the committee at a conference which preceded the hearing. Senator Edge, of New Jersey, said it had been unanimously decided that the publication was "Republican propaganda" and should be investigated on that account.

Mr. Barnes had testified that none of the funds derived from the transaction had gone to the Republican national committee.

Mr. Barnes denied that he had had any conference with the chairman of the Republican national committee, in regard to the book, but said he believed Mr. Young, a solicitor, had talked with Mr. Hays.

Before the committee ruling was announced, Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, questioned Mr. Barnes. He read from the committee's records a list of Chicago subscribers to the book, which he said was "Republican propaganda." John D. Rockefeller was noted as signing a \$1000 subscription blank and J. Leonard Repligie one for \$2500.

During the examination by Senator Reed, Mr. Barnes said there would be 500 or 600 subscribers to the book, which he agreed to send for. He also promised to telegraph for the copies of a letter of endorsement of the book written by the chairman, Hays and which it was alleged was used.

RECEIVED \$73,675

Mr. Barnes testified that he had been informed by his business manager that \$73,675 was the total received from subscribers to the book "Republicanism in 1920."

Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, was questioned by the committee concerning an editorial about Governor Cox and his interest in education which appeared in "School Life," a government publication.

The witness said as soon as he saw the editorial he knew it was partisan and had tried to stop it but found that the edition already had been printed. He also stated that the publication was on vacation and declared that "School Life" was "absolutely non-partisan."

THE WAS OFFICIAL

Almerico I. Was, chief of the bureau of accountants of the department of agriculture, was questioned about a trip made by Floyd R. Harrison, assistant to the secretary of agriculture, to Chicago on June 13, and also to San Francisco at the time of the Democratic national convention. Mr. Zappone said he had every reason to suppose that Mr. Harrison's visit to San Francisco was official.

"The secretary of agriculture," the witness said, "was there. I understood there were several agricultural conferences there."

"Most of the conferences were down at convention hall, weren't they?" asked Senator Reed.

"You are out of my realm now," said the witness. "My duties are purely fiscal."

Secretary Meredith, Mr. Zappone said, only charged a part of his San Francisco expenses to the department.

EDITOR ON STAND

Distribution by the Newspaper Enterprise association of what was described as "propaganda" for Governor Cox, the Democratic presidential nominee, was inquired into today by the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures.

Robert P. Scripps, editor of the Scripps newspapers, which he said numbered 21, with a circulation of 1,250,000, was the witness examined. Replying to questions he said that his father, E. C. Scripps, owned the majority stock in the United Press News Service and he identified the Newspaper Enterprise association as an "affiliated organization."

DRAFT EXEMPTION LETTER

Mr. Scripps said the committee had had no knowledge of a letter written by Governor Cox urging exemption for himself or his brother from the draft during the world war. He declared he had never heard of such a letter until it appeared in newspaper accounts of the committee's hearings at Chicago.

Mr. Scripps said that his interest and that of his family in the election of Governor Cox was purely "public interest."

"After the witness had said he had 'complete responsibility' for the editorial policy of the Scripps newspapers, chairman Kenyon introduced a quantity of printed matter, on pink sheets, sent out by the Newspaper Enterprise association.

"In sending out these you are carrying on a propaganda campaign," said the witness.

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